

## ***Reorganization Minutes, January 3, 2005***

*Sine dine Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:35pm*

**2004 Council Present:** Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Heveran, Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo Councilman Ryan, Councilman Trachtenberg, Council President Dwarica

**Council Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney, Victoria Miragliotta, Borough Administrator

Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.

Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Dwarica led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Laurence Cherchi, stated that the conditions of Open Public Meetings Act have been met by notice placed on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the official newspaper.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Council Minutes December 20, 2004* Motion was made to approve the minutes moved by Councilwoman Heveran, seconded by Councilman Ryan. Mayor Cherchi noted that on line 33 Councilman Trachtenberg's name was misspelled. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted Yes. Council President Dwarica Abstained minutes approved.

*Closed Session for December 20, 2004.* A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran , seconded by Councilman Trachtenberg to approve the minutes. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted Yes. Council President Dwarica Abstained. Minutes Approved.

*Special Meeting Minutes December 22, 2004* Motion was made by Councilman Ryan, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran to approve the minutes. Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted Yes. Council President Dwarica abstained. Minutes Approved.

*Special Closed Session Minutes December 22, 2004* Motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Heveran questioned the spelling of Attorney Kronick's name.

Roll Call Vote: Councilperson Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted Yes. Council President Dwarica Abstained. Minutes Approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to adjourn the Sine dine Meeting of the 2004 Mayor and Council seconded by Council President Dwarica. All in favor none opposed. Sine dine meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

### ***REORGANIZATION MEETING***

Mayor Cherchi Opened the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:50PM.

Mayor Cherchi announced that Councilwoman Heveran would be sworn in this evening by Assemblywoman Weinberg.

Assemblywoman Weinberg administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Heveran.

Councilwoman Heveran thanked those present that supported her re-election to a third term as Councilwoman.

Mayor Cherchi announced that Councilman Puzzo would be sworn in by former Mayor Pacicco.

Former Mayor Pacicco administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Puzzo.

Councilman Puzzo thanked those present that supported his re-election.

Assemblyman Johnson presented both Councilman Puzzo and Councilwoman Heveran with Citations from the State Assembly.

Assemblywoman Weinberg and Assemblyman Johnson congratulated Councilwoman Heveran and Councilman Puzzo.

At this point in the meeting Mayor Cherchi asked for a motion to approve Resolution 05-31 David Russo as Borough Attorney a motion was made by Councilperson Trachtenberg seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica. Roll Call Vote all in favor none opposed. Motion Carried.

***2005 COUNCIL PRESENT:*** Mayor Cherchi, Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, Trachtenberg

***Council Absent;*** None

***Also Present:*** Borough Clerk Fran Lehmann, Borough Attorney David Russo, Borough Administrator Miragliotta.

93 **REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

94 Mayor Cherchi gave a report.

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96 **Election of Council President:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica  
97 to elect Councilman Trachtenberg as Council President for 2005 seconded by  
98 Councilwoman Mitrani, Roll Call Vote Councilperson Heveran and Puzzo voted  
99 No, Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted yes. Motion  
100 Carries.

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102 ***MAYOR AND COUNCIL BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE***

103 ***APPOINTMENTS:***

104 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, Seconded by Council President  
105 Trachtenberg to appoint the following to the Board of Adjustment. Roll Call  
106 Vote: Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani and Trachtenberg voted yes,  
107 Councilman Puzzo voted no and Councilman Ryan abstained. Motion Carries.

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109 **Board of Adjustment**

110 William Ziegler Regular Member

111 Joe Muzio Regular Member

112 Alternate I Jeff McCartney (unexpired Term)

113 Alternate II Vincent Petti

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115 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, Seconded by Councilman Ryan  
116 to appoint the following to the Board of Health. Roll Call Vote Councilperson  
117 Dwarica, Heveran , Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, Trachtenberg voted yes Motion  
118 Carries.

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120 **Board of Health**

121 Maggie Cunnig

122 Dr. Frank Livelli

123 Jeanne Churchill

124 Sally Seymour Alternate I

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126 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan  
127 to appoint the following to the Local Assistance Board. Roll Call Vote  
128 Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo, Trachtenberg voted yes,  
129 Motion carries.

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131 **Local Assistance Board**

132 Victor Bergenn

133 Peggy Neiderer

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135 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilwoman  
136 Mitrani to appoint Councilman Puzzo to the Planning Board. Roll Call Vote  
137 Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted yes,  
138 Councilman Puzzo abstained. Motion Carried.

139 A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran, seconded by Councilwoman  
140 Dwarica to appoint the following to the Environmental Commission. Roll Call  
141 Vote all in favor none opposed. Motion Carries.

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143 **Environmental Commission**

144 Dr. Livelli

145 Carol Lutchen

146 Gil Hawkins, Alternate

147 Peter Gall

148 Carmita Fong

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150 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilman Ryan  
151 to appoint the following to the Capital Budget Committee. Roll Call Vote All  
152 Council present voted yes motion carries.

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154 **Capital Budget Committee**

155 Ron Chace

156 Tom Toronto

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158 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Councilwoman  
159 Mitrani for the following Council Committee Assignments. Roll Call Vote all in  
160 favor none opposed.

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162 **Personnel and Finance**

163 Barbara Mitrani, Chairperson

164 Liz Dwarica

165 Mary Heveran

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167 **Police Committee**

168 Arnold Trachtenberg, Chairperson

169 Barbara Mitrani

170 Tony Puzzo

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172 **Real Estate & Insurance**

173 Mary Heveran, Chairperson

174 Charles Ryan

175 Barbara Mitrani

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177 **Laws and Ordinances Committee**

178 Anthony Puzzo, Chairperson

179 Barbara Mitrani

180 Liz Dwarica

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185 **Fire Committee**  
186 Mary Heveran, Chairperson  
187 Charles Ryan  
188 Liz Dwarica

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190 **DPW Committee**  
191 Charles Ryan, Chairperson  
192 Anthony Puzzo  
193 Liz Dwarica

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195 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica to appoint the following Council  
196 members as Liaisons to the following, seconded by Councilman Ryan. Roll Call  
197 Vote all Council present voted yes, motion carries.

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199 **Committee, Commission and Board Liaisons**  
200 Historic Preservation Liz Dwarica  
201 Merchants Association Barbara Mitrani  
202 Recreation Arnold Trachtenberg  
203 Board of Health Liz Dwarica  
204 Shade Tree Arnold Trachtenberg

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206 A motion was made by Councilwoman Mitrani seconded by Councilman  
207 Trachtenberg to appoint the following professionals. Roll Call Vote all Council  
208 present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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210 Labor Attorney Karen Murray  
211 Tax Appeals/ Special Attorney in Peacock Litigation Robert Regan  
212 Borough Engineer Kenneth Job, Jr.  
213 Bonding Attorney Steven Rogut

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215 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan  
216 to appoint the following professionals. Roll Call Vote all Council Present voted  
217 yes. Motion Carries.

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219 Borough Attorney Francis J. Jones  
220 Borough Prosecutor Mark Fierro  
221 Borough Public Defender Robert Metzdorf  
222 Risk Manager Virginia Forde

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224 A motion was made by Councilwoman Mitrani seconded by Councilman  
225 Trachtenberg to appoint the following Borough Professional. Roll Call Vote all  
226 Council present voted yes. Motion Carries.

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228 Police Arbitration Attorney Gerald Dorf

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The following Mayoral Appointments for 2005 were made:

**Library Board of Trustees** (5year term)     Betty Carillo (exp. 2009)  
Mayor's Alternate     Mary Ellen Tucker

**Planning Board**

Class II     Martha Lieblich (exp. 2005)  
Class IV     Richard Stenken (exp. 2008)  
Alternate I     Brian Elder     (Exp 2006)

**Planning Board Advisory Committee**

Adrienne Albanese (exp. 2005)  
Matt Brennan(Exp. 2005)  
Vanessa Marks (Exp. 2005)  
Jami Ballot (Exp. 2005)  
Barbara Marchant (2005)

**Historical Preservation Commission**

Class C     Jean Abeiter (exp. 2008)  
Alternate I     Nina Gaetjens (exp. 2006)  
Alternate II     Joseph Fratello (exp. 2005)

**Local Historians** (One year)

Carol Lutchen  
Lee Lehman  
Pat Fusco

**Shade Tree Commission** (5year term)

Pam Butwin (exp. 2009)  
Harry Newman (exp. 2009)

**Recreation Commission**

Shelly Perino (exp. 2009)  
Stephen Churchill (exp. 2009)  
Bob Leap Alternate

**Mayor's Representative to the State and Overpeck Park and County  
Government for Overpeck Park**     Gil Hawkins

**Resolution on the Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo and seconded by Councilwoman  
Dwarica to approve the following Resolutions 01-15, 18, 19, 21-34 Roll call vote  
Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan and Council President  
Trachtenberg voted yes Resolutions approved.

Councilman Ryan questioned resolution 05-16 Naming the Record as the Official Newspaper. Borough Clerk Lehmann gave an explanation. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Council President Trachtenberg to approve Resolution 05-16 Roll call vote on Resolution 05-16 all Council present voted yes. Resolution approved.

Councilman Puzzo asked for a discussion on Resolution 05-17 to be held in closed session. Mayor Cherchi asked for a vote on Resolution 05-17 a motion was made by Council President Trachtenberg seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to approve Resolution 05-17. Roll Call vote Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani, Ryan and Trachtenberg voted yes. Councilpersons Heveran and Puzzo voted to abstain. Motion carries Resolution 05-17 approved.

Mayor Cherchi held Resolution 05-20 for more information until January 10, 2005.

### **Citizens**

Lee Lehman 328 Elm Place Thanked the Governing Body for all their hard work they do for the Community.

Former Mayor Robert Pacicco 530 Grandview Terrace spoke to the Governing Body about appointments and he hoped that those that were not reappointed would be receiving letters thanking them for the time they have served on various Boards, Committees or Commissions.

No one else from the Public spoke. Mayor Cherchi closed the Citizens portion of the meeting.

There being no further business before the Governing Body Mayor Cherchi asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica seconded by Council President Trachtenberg to adjourn the meeting all in favor none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Lehmann, RMC  
Borough Clerk